

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 remain in the application with claims 1 and 4 having been amended hereby.

This amendment is intended to place the claims in better condition for appeal.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Peterson in view of Kupka et al., Akiyama et al. and the White publication.

Applicant maintains that the primary reference merely teaches the use of a general prepaid card that inherently does not transmit remaining accounting points to an accounting center as required by the present invention.

Entry of this amendment for the purposes of appeal is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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